



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and Omaha Police Chief Alex Hayes, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

For being in Possession of a Short Shotgun on July 3, 2010, William A. Cook was sentenced by the Honorable Joseph Bataillon, Chief United States District Judge, to serve 63 months in prison, which will be followed by a 3 year term of Supervised Release, and to pay a \$100 Special Assessment.

On July 3, 2010, Omaha police saw a vehicle eastbound on a one-way westbound street. The cruiser's overhead lights were activated and it pulled in front of the car on Victor Street. The suspect car went up on the curb and sped off into a vacant field at a high rate of speed. A high speed chase ended at 1502 Grant. A male driver and a female passenger fled from the car. The male ran down an embankment into a heavily wooded area. The driver, Cook, was found hiding on the embankment. The female was not located. An inventory search of the car turned up a 16 gauge sawed-off shotgun between the driver's seat and the center console, with no serial number.

Name of Defendant: William A. Cook

AKA: Bill Cook, Billy

Age: 39

City of Residence: Atlantic, Iowa

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Possession of a Short Shotgun carries not more than 10 years in prison, not more than a \$250,000 fine, not more than 3 yrs term of Supervised Release, and a \$100 Special Assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: 15th and Grant

Location of Arrest: 15th and Grant

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: n/a

Others Charged in Same Scheme: n/a

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: July 3, 2010

Federal Arrest Date: October 18, 2010

Date Complaint Issued: n/a

Indictment Returned Date: August 18, 2010

Initial Appearance Date: October 18, 2010

Plea Date(s): November 10, 2010

Sentencing Date: February 18, 2011

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: n/a

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Hon. F.A. Gossett

Held without Bond: Yes

In Continuous Custody Since: July 3, 2010

Assigned District Court Judge: Hon. Joseph Bataillon

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